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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATION: BUCHHEIM STATEMENT AT RESTRICTED MEETING, 10/31/75; TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO 88

1. FOLLOWING IS BUCHHEIM STATEMENT AT RESTRICTED MEETING OCTOBER 31, 1975.

BEGIN TEXT:

PART I

MR. MINISTER, AT OUR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY WE IDENTIFIED AND BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE MAJOR TOPICS WHICH NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO POINTS OF RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO COMPLETE OUR WORK TOGETHER.

THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING JOINT LANGUAGE FOR A PNE TREATY AND NECESSARY PROTOCOL TEXT HAS BEEN CARRIED TO SUCH AN ADVANCE STATE THAT THE INFLUENCES OF THE REMAINING MAJOR TOPICS CAN BE VERY CLEARLY SEEN IN THE BRACKETED PORTIONS OF TEXT.

IN ASKING FOR THIS MEETING TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION THAT BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY, IT WAS MY PURPOSE TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRODUCTIVE WORK FROM THIS POINT.

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MY FURTHER REMARKS TODAY WILL BE MAINLY ON PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOVIET SIDE MAY WISH TO EXPRESS SOME IDEAS ON SUBSTANCE AGAIN TODAY. THEREFORE, I SUGGEST THAT WE LISTEN FIRST TO YOUR COMMENTS AND THEN TAKE UP PROCEDURAL POINTS.

PART II

THANK YOU, MR. MINISTER.

YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WILL BE GIVEN VERY CAREFUL ATTENTION.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO DESCRIBE TO YOU WHAT THE US SIDE PROPOSES TO DO.

AS WE SEE THE STATUS OF OUR EFFORTS TOGETHER, THERE IS NEED FOR CAREFUL THOUGHT NOW ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF WORK:

1. REVIEW OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF DETAIL IN THE JOINT LANGUAGE DEVELOPED THUS FAR, TO CONFIRM OR IMPROVE THE PRESENT FORMULATIONS.
2. ASSESS THE INFLUENCES OF THE MAJOR TOPICS WHICH WE IDENTIFIED TOGETHER ON WEDNESDAY, AND DEVISE WAYS TO DEAL WITH THEM IN THE JOINT TEXTS.

TO REVIEW, THESE MAJOR TOPICS ARE:

-- PROVISIONS FOR PRESENCE OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, AND THEIR RIGHTS OF ACCESS.

-- PROVISIONS FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR VERIFICATION MEASUREMENTS AT THE SITE OF AN EXPLOSION;

-- FORMULATION OF THE EXACT TERMS OF ARTICLE III OF THE TREATY;

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TREATY TO REFLECT IN A MUTUALLY-SATISFACTORY WAY THE RATHER DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE PARTIES ON THE MATTER OF DURATION:

-- AS A FINAL TASK, AFTER LANGUAGE ON ALL POINTS HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, DETERMINATION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FINAL, COMPLETE AGREEMENT.

IT IS THE VIEW OF THE US SIDE THAT WORK TO DATE, PARTI-

CULARLY THAT OF THE WORKING GROUPS, HAS BROUGHT THINGS TO A STAGE WHERE WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON THESE MAJOR TOPICS.

THE US SIDE HAS CONSIDERED CAREFULLY HOW BEST TO PROCEED TO A PROMPT COMPLETION OF OUR TASK. IN DOING SO, WE HAVE ALSO TRIED TO GIVE ATTENTION TO A FEW PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT SHOULD NOT BE SET ASIDE:

-- YOUR AND MR. TIMERBAEV WILL BE AWAY FOR SEVERAL DAYS NEXT WEEK, AND THEN YOUR HOLIDAY PERIOD WILL BE AT HAND.

-- THE US DELEGATION HAS BEEN AWAY FROM HOMES AND OFFICES FOR FOUR MONTHS OF THE LAST FIVE.

-- WE WILL NEED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH COLLEAGUES IN OUR GOVERNMENT IN COMING TO FINAL FORMULATIONS THAT PROPERLY ACCOUNT FOR THE MAJOR TOPICS I HAVE JUST MENTIONED.

THEREFORE, THE US SIDE PROPOSES TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND SUGGESTS SCHEDULING OUR NEXT MEETING FOR ABOUT NOVEMBER 17. THE EXACT TIME OF THE MEETING CAN BE SET WHEN THAT DATE NEARS.

THANK YOU.
END TEXT.
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